

Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs



Indiana Veteran Benefits



- Tuition and Fee Exemption state sponsored schools*
- Reduced fee Hunting and Fishing License*
- Property Tax Deduction*
- Disabled Hoosier Veteran License Plate*
- Discounted Golden Hoosier Passport for Veterans with Disabled plate
- Peddlers Vendors and Hawkers License free to **wartime veterans** see County Auditor w DD214
- Military Family Relief Fund*

* Requires eligibility verification from IDVA / CVSO

Periods of War Time Service



- WWII: December 7, 1941 – November 11, 1946
- KOREA: June 27, 1950 – January 31, 1955
- VIETNAM: August 5, 1964 – May 7, 1975
- GULF WAR: August 2, 1990 – PRESENT

Remember this

State Benefit Application Forms



This best place to find the most up to date forms for Indiana state benefit applications is on **the IDVA web page**. IDVA staff keep these forms up to date and link them directly to the State ICPR web page to ensure they are the most up to date forms. These forms are all fillable. To ensure they are legible encourage your veterans to fill them out electronically prior to printing them for signature.

www.in.gov/dva point to resources then click on Applications/Forms.

Tuition and Fee Exemption



Eligible beneficiaries:

- Purple Heart recipients
- Child of a Purple Heart recipient /Former POW MIA
- Child of a Disabled Wartime Veteran
(Old Law Veteran initially entered military on or before June 30, 2011/New Law Veteran initially entered military on or after July 1, 2011)
- former students of Indiana Soldiers and Sailors Home

Tuition and Fee Exemption



- 124 semester hours of tuition and mandatory fees paid up to 100% at a state-supported college or university.

(Initially Entered service on or before June 30, 2011)

- 124 Semester hours paid up to the veteran disability percentage + 20%

(Initially enter service on or after July 1, 2011)

- State supported schools are:

- **Indiana University (all locations) +IUPU**
- **Purdue University (all locations)+ IUPU**
- **Indiana State University**
- **Ball State University**
- **University of Southern Indiana**
- **Vincennes University**
- **Ivy Tech (all locations)**
- **WGU (INDIANA)**



Tuition and Fee exemption for Child of a Disabled Wartime Veteran



To qualify for Tuition and Fee Exemption, the **Veteran** must meet ALL of the following criteria

- ✓ Served on Active Duty during recognized war time dates
or received a service or campaign medal for equally hazardous duty
- ✓ Have a VA disability rating 0%-100%
- ✓ **OLD LAW** Must have had 36 consecutive months residency in Indiana
- ✓ **NEW LAW** Must have designated Indiana as HOR at the time of entry into the military **OR** been a resident of Indiana at least 5 years prior to first applying for this benefit

Tuition and Fee Exemption for Child of a Disabled Wartime Veteran



Student Requirements:

- Student **MUST** be the **biological or adopted child** of the veteran
Must have been **adopted prior to reaching age 24** (*OLD LAW*)
Must have been **adopted prior to reaching age 18** AND Student cannot be more than 32 years of age when first applying for and becomes eligible for this benefit (*NEW LAW*)
- Attend a state sponsored school
- Qualify for in-state tuition
- Maintain satisfactory academic progress

Marital status of the student does not effect benefit

Tuition and Fee Exemption for Recipient of the Purple Heart Medal



- 124 semester hours at any state-supported college or university
- Undergraduate level cost only
- Must have entered active duty from a permanent address in Indiana

IC 21-14-10

Hunting and Fishing License for Service connected disabled veterans



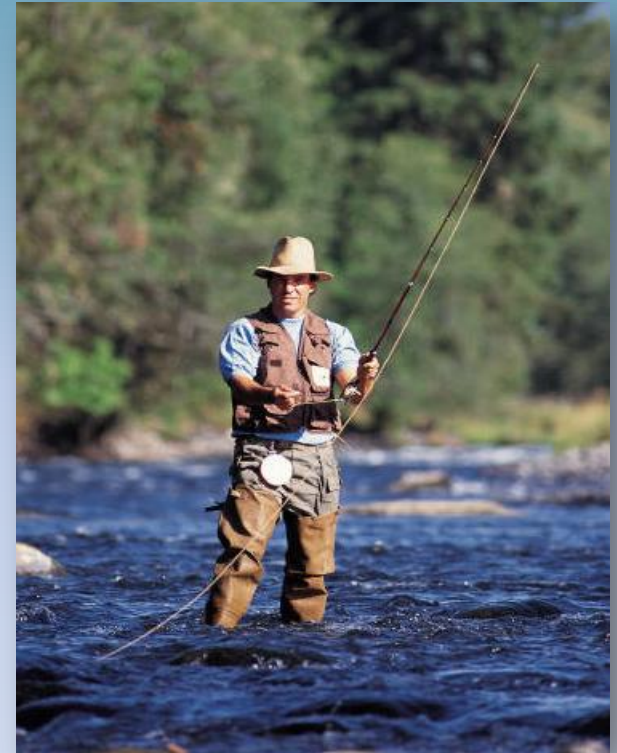
Reduced Fee Hunting & Fishing License

- \$2.75 per year
- \$27.50 for 10 year

resident of Indiana
has served in the armed forces of the United States; and
has a service connected disability, as evidenced by:

(A) records of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs; or disability retirement benefits awarded to the individual under laws administered by the USDOD

IC 14-22-12-1.5



Property Tax Deduction



Section 13- \$24,960 *IC 6-1.1-12*



To Qualify

- Served on **Active duty** during a recognized Wartime period
- Between **10%** and 90% service connected disabled

Property Tax Deduction (for Disabled Hoosier Veterans)



Section 14 - \$12,480*

IC 6-1.1-12

To qualify the veteran must meet one of these two options:

- Peacetime service & 100% s/c

Or:

- Over age 62, Must have at least a 10% s/c Disability Rating
- Non service-connected pension



**If property is assessed over \$143,160 then restrictions apply*

Property Tax Deduction



Both Sections (13&14)- \$37,440*

IC 6-1.1-12

To qualify the veteran must have served on Active Duty during wartime and

- 100% Service Connected disability

OR

- Over age 62
- Rated at least 10 % service connected disabled.



**If property is valued over \$143,160 then restrictions apply*

Property Tax Deduction



- If a veteran, or surviving spouse, does not own any real property then the lesser of the following can be applied: The amount owed for vehicle excise tax or \$70 can be applied to a maximum of 2 vehicles

Eligibility is the same as if property is owned

If the veteran qualifies for the property tax deduction AND owns property but cannot apply the deduction toward the property for the current tax year, then they CAN use the above benefit when registering their vehicles; up to two (2) for that licensing year.

IC 6-6-5-5.2

Disabled Hoosier Veteran License Plate



- Serves as a handicapped plate (displays handicapped symbol)
- Allows for free parking in legal metered spaces in Indiana
- This plate also entitles the veteran for a reduced fee Golden Hoosier Passport to State Parks, museums, and DNR facilities



Disabled Hoosier Veteran License Plate



Indiana Code 9-18-18-1

Eligibility requirements ;

- Lost sight in both eyes or permanent loss of vision in both eyes with s/c compensation.
- Loss of, or permanent loss of use of, one or both hands or feet.
- USDVA rating precluding the person from walking without pain or difficulty **OR rated at least 50% disabled and is receiving s/c compensation from USDVA. At least 60% of the rating must be attributed to a mobility disability.**



Purple Heart License Plate



- Request must be accompanied by DD 214 or orders showing Purple Heart award
- As of July 1, 2013 PH license plate allows free parking in legal metered spaces
- PH plates available for passenger vehicle, truck (less than 11,000 lbs), RV, and motorcycle

IC 9-18-19



Purple Heart Disabled Veteran Plate



- A Purple Heart Plate with the universal handicap symbol will be available beginning the 2015 licensing year. Use the same form as for the Disabled Hoosier Veteran; POW MIA/ ;Purple Heart Recipient Plate.



Purple Heart Disabled Veteran Plate



- The veteran is eligible for the Purple Heart Disability plate if they are a PHM recipient and have been previously issued a permanent disability plate or placard. They may also submit state form 42070 (completed by a practitioner certifying that you have a permanent disability)



Veteran License Plates



Veterans simply take their DD214 to the licenses branch to purchase these plates. Proceeds go to the Military Family Relief Fund.



Veteran Indicator on DL or ID



Veteran Indicator

- A veteran may choose to have a veteran indicator placed on his or her Indiana driver's license or identification card. To obtain the indicator, you must provide a DD214 or other military documents issued by the United States Department of Defense verifying a veteran's honorable discharge from the armed forces.

Remember this location!



Military Family Relief Fund



Purpose: To assist Veterans/families who are having financial difficulties as a result of serving on active duty. Some things the fund can be used for are: **utility bills, needed auto or home repairs, mortgage /rent payment, medical bills, and grocery bills** to name a few.

Up to a **\$2,500** grant for Indiana residence on active duty and National Guard or Reserve component members:

Title 10 or 32 orders

On or after Sep 11, 2001 for 30 days or more.

(effective July 1 2014)



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This fund is **NOT** to be used for the following
examples; (yes, we have seen and heard these requests)

- Down payment on a new car
- Closing costs for a house
- To replace my savings I had to use
- Internet bills
- Mobile phone bills
- Cable TV/ Satellite TV bills
- Credit card debt
- Child support
- Gambling debt
- Court costs

Indiana Veterans Home West Lafayette, Indiana



Eligibility for admission to the Indiana Veterans Home:

- An honorably discharged member of the armed forces from any period of service.
- The spouse or surviving spouse of an honorably discharged member of the armed forces.
- An eligible person who has a disability or is destitute.
- Has been a resident of Indiana for at least one (1) year immediately preceding application for admission to the Home.



Other Indiana Benefits for Veterans



- Delayed High School Diploma (WWII, Korea, and Vietnam veterans)
- Copies of DD 214's for Veterans who left active duty in 1989 or later kept at IDVA (Indiana HOR)
- Indiana Veterans who are military retirees over age 60 are eligible for a \$5000 deduction on their state income tax.

Indiana Code 6-3-2-4

Employment Assistance



Veteran Service Center

Dee Pugh Director of Employment depugh@dva.in.gov

One Stop Shop focus for benefits, care, education and employment.

Employer links for jobs (Veteran Opportunity Partners)

Watch for Community Outreach and Employment events in your area
by visiting our web site at www.in.gov/dva

We can be reached at:

Toll Free 1-844-480-0009

Main office 1-317-232-3910

Vetemployment@dva.in.gov

CVSO Authority to sign state benefit applications



These are the applications you will be authorized to determine eligibility for, sign, and place the IDVA raised seal upon.

- **TUTION AND FEE EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS**
Except for former students of the Indiana Soldiers and Sailors Home
- **PROPERTY TAX DEDUCTION APPLICATIONS**
- **DISABLED HOOSIER VETERAN, PURPLE HEART, and FORMER POW LICENSE PLATE APPLICATIONS**
- **DISABLED VETERAN HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSE APPLICATIONS**

CVSO Authority to sign state benefit applications cont'



You **MUST** have the supporting documentation to go with the applications and keep a record of both approved and ineligible determinations. These documents include;

Veteran's DD Form 214

Veteran's VA disability award letter with the combined rating noted. You will need to see the individual disability percentages in order to determine eligibility for the DHV License Plate.

Award Certificate for the PHM if applicable and not noted on the DD214

Copy of the Student's Birth Certificate or Adoption Paperwork for the Tuition and Fee Exemption for Child of Disabled Veteran

CVSO Authority to sign state benefit applications cont'



What to do with these applications and supporting documents?????

Create a profile for the veteran and scan these in to VetraSpec of course!

Naming the files. All state benefit applications need to be named with the same naming convention state wide.

Naming the State Benefit applications scanned in to VetraSpec



- Tuition and Fee exemption for Child: TUITION Student Name
- Tuition and Fee Exemption for Purple Heart recipient: TUITION PH
- Disabled Veteran Property Tax Deduction: PROPERTY TAX
- Disabled Hoosier Veteran , PH, POW Plate: LICENSE PLATE
- Discounted Hunt and Fish License: HUNT FISH

NAMING SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- DD Form 214: DD214
- VA Disability award letter with Combined rating: VA Award CR
- VA disability Award letter with Individual Rating(s): VA Award IR
- Child of Disable Veteran Birth Certificate: BC Student Name

Document naming conventions



Why do we need a naming convention?????

When we are using the same naming convention it is easier if a veteran is reassigned from one county to another. The gaining CVSO knows exactly what the scanned document is. It is also easier to transition from one CVSO who has resigned or retired to the newly hired CVSO for the same reason.

USEFUL WEB SITES

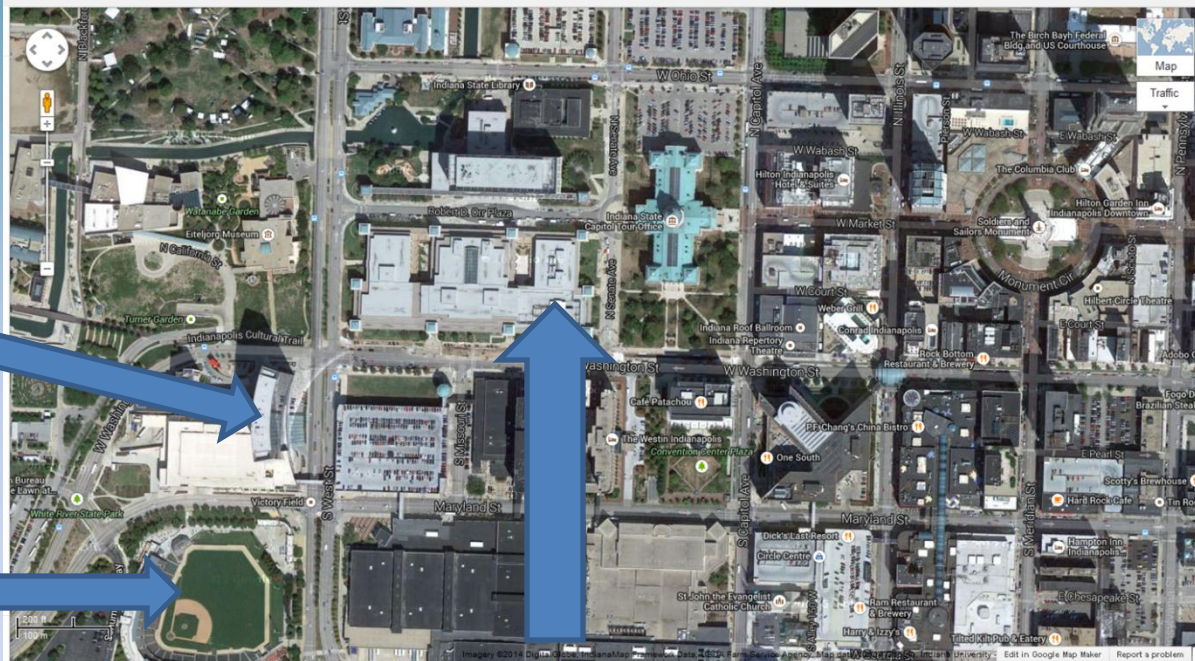


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A close-up, high-resolution image of the United States flag, showing the stars and stripes in detail. The flag is waving, creating a sense of movement. The colors are vibrant, with a deep blue field for the stars and bright red and white stripes.

Questions?